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June 27, 2007

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON LICENSES AND PERMITS

The Committee on Licenses and Permits convened on June 27, 2007 with Chairman Bruce Desmond presiding and Committee Member Robert Trane also present and voting. Also present were Mary McCarthy, Chris McCrae, David Parks and George Landers from ISD.

Public Hearings:

P. Gioioso and Sons

Mary McCarthy, Manager of Gioioso and Sons, spoke in favor of the petition and informed the members that the aforementioned property is an ideal location for the contractors to store their equipment during the reconstruction of Somerville Ave.

Mr. David Parks addressed the Committee with a list of problems that have transpired over the last several months. Mr. Parks detailed numerous violations by Gioioso and Sons that ranged from loud noises, trucks idling for extended periods and pipes being cut at 2:00 A.M. Mr. Parks informed the members that he tried on several occasions to speak to the on-site manager, with minimal success. The quality of life for Mr. Parks and his family has been severely affected. He has had to call the police several times to report after-hours work and loud noises. He also informed the members that Gioioso and Sons do not properly secure their equipment and children in the neighborhood have been seen playing on the property. Mr. Parks stated that he had a verbal agreement with the on-site manager that all of the problems would be rectified, but all of the promises made by Gioioso and Sons were broken. Mr. Parks urged the members to vote against the petition.

Chairman Bruce Desmond informed Ms. McCarthy that the property is not to be used for cutting pipes or for any other work that would impact abutters adversely and he suggested the following:

- that no work be done on property
- that the operation of vehicles on the premises be from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, with no exceptions
- that Gioioso and Sons fence off the property to secure it properly, and
- that there be no welding or cutting on the property.

Alderman Trane's motion to grant the license for 30 days with the stipulation that ISD inspect the property and assure the Committee that the contractor is abiding by these four conditions was approved.

Original Auto Body

Mr. Vilmar Campos, owner, spoke in favor of the petition. Mr. Landers told the members that all of the paperwork is in order and there have not been any problems with this business. There were no speakers against the petition.

Porter Square Car Wash d/b/a No Touch Car Wash

Attorney Richard DiGoralomo, representing the business, informed the members that the licensee has agreed to install mechanisms to shut off the washers from 12:00 AM to 4:00 AM. The licensee is requesting that the license be changed from 5:00 AM to midnight.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following 7 items:

183037: New Extended Retail Hours Permit - Porter Square Car Wash Inc. dba
Somerville No Touch Car Wash, 31 Washington St., 24/7.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved as amended (hours of operation are 5:00 AM to midnight)

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

183243: New Used Car Dealers License Class II - G E & M Auto Service dba Parkway
Sunoco, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy, 10 autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

183483: Renewal of Garage License - Broadway Henry LLC, 28-30 Broadway, 10

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (4 vehicles inside and 6 vehicles outside)

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

183484: Renewal of Garage License - A Plus Auto Body Inc., 295 Medford St., 14

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

183485: Renewal of Garage License - A Plus Auto Body, 297 Medford St., 10 Autos.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

183620: New Livery License - Herb Chambers I-93 dba Chambers Motors, 259
McGrath Hwy.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

183621: New Garage License - P.Gioiso & Sons, 628 Somerville Ave., 2 autos outside, for storage only.

RECOMMENDATION: Should be approved with conditions (grant the license for 30 days with the stipulation that ISD inspect the property and assure the Committee that the contractor is abiding by these four conditions: that no work be done on property, that the operation of vehicles on the premises be from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, with no exceptions, that Gioioso and Sons fence off the property to secure it properly, and that there be no welding or cutting on the property.)

VOTE: Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

Alderman Bruce M. Desmond, Chairman
Committee on Licenses and Permits

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